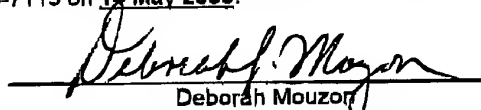


Expedited Proceeding under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**OFFICIAL****Examining Group 1731****PATENT APPLICATION****Attorney Docket No. 1835D/A****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****APPLICANTS:** CIMECIOGLU, A. Levent *et al.***SERIAL NO.:** 09/638 319 **GROUP ART UNIT:** 1731**FILED:** 14 August 2000 **EXAMINER:** FORTUNA, José A.**ENTITLED:** ALDEHYDE MODIFIED CELLULOSE PULP FOR THE
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Dear Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Advisory Action dated 9 May 2003. In reply to that outstanding Action, Applicant submits the following Remarks –

REMARKS

Claims 2-7, 10-16, 18-21, 23 and 26-28 are pending in the application. Claims 2-7, 10-16, 18-21, 23 and 26-28 are rejected. In Applicants' 14 April 2003 Reply, Applicants' canceled Claims 10-13, 18, 19, 20, 23, 27 and 28, and amended Claims 2-7, 14-16, 21 and 26.

The Examiner has issued an Advisory Action in response to Applicants' 14 April 2003 Reply stating that the proposed amendments will not be entered because they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. Specifically, the Examiner states that the "claims have been changed to a paper product instead of a pulp as was originally claimed", and that this would require new consideration and search.

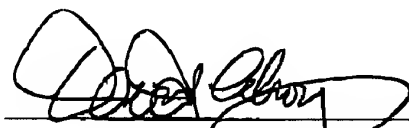
Applicants respectfully request reconsideration for the following reasons. The claims of the application as originally filed were directed towards paper product. The Examiner's Office Action of 7 March 2002 (Paper No. 3) was directed towards those original paper product claims. Applicants replied to that Action, and were subsequently issued a final Office Action (Paper No. 6 of 27 August 2002). In reply to the final Office Action, Applicants responded by amending the claims to be directed towards pulp instead of paper product and submitted a Request for Continued Examination. A second final Office Action followed (Paper No. 12 of 26 February 2003), to which Applicants replied by amending the claims back to being directed towards a paper product.

Accordingly, the paper product claims have already been considered and searched by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of Applicants' amendments and remarks of 14 April 2003. Allowance of the claims is believed to be in order, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Dated: 14 May 2003

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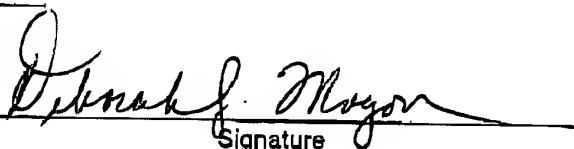
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